

## How can USIIS help my family?

### **As parents, we want our children to grow up healthy.**

One of the best gifts we can give them is to make sure they get immunizations (shots)—to protect them from childhood diseases like measles and pertussis (whooping cough).

**It can be hard to keep track of your child's immunizations,** especially if you switch doctors or use a different clinic.

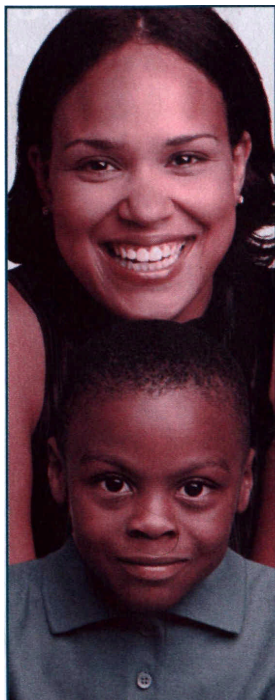
### **Now, USIIS can help!**

It's an immunization registry. USIIS is a confidential, computerized information system that keeps complete, up-to-date records of your child's immunization history. USIIS will maintain your child's immunization records even if you change health-care providers.

**USIIS helps you and' health-care providers know what immunizations** your child has had and what he or she still needs.

### **Many Utah health-care providers take part in USIIS.**

Ask your doctor's office, public health clinic or community health center if it takes part. Or look for a posted USIIS certificate.



With USIIS, you no longer need to worry about lost or misplaced records!

This booklet gives only basic facts about USIIS. Be sure to talk with your doctor, nurse, or health-care provider about all of your child's health needs.

## What are all the benefits of USIIS?

**USIIS instantly tells doctors and nurses** the information in your child's immunization records.

### **It helps ensure that your child:**

- gets immunizations on time
- won't get an unneeded vaccine (due to lost or missing records).

**It makes it easier for you to get your child's immunization records** for child care, school or camp.

### **It makes it easier for health-care providers to:**

- print out up-to-date immunization records
- send your child's immunization reminder to you.

**If your family moves,** you don't have to worry about finding records.

- Tell your health-care provider your new address, so you keep getting immunization reminders.
- If you are moving out of state, ask the health-care provider for a printout of your child's records to take with you.



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**How will my child's immunization records be included in USIIS?**

The records will be entered:

- from birth records filed with the Utah Department of Health
- when your child gets immunizations at a participating clinic
- when you enroll in a participating health plan or public health program.

The immunization records will be shared with authorized health-care providers, health plans, schools, child care centers, and public health programs, unless you choose to withdraw your child from USIIS.

**If you wish to withdraw your child from USIIS, or if you have questions, call the USIIS HelpLine at 801-538-6872, the Immunization Hotline at 800-275-0659, or visit the**

**Are records kept confidential?**

Yes! Only authorized members\* of these groups have access to USIIS:

- **health-care providers and public health programs**—to see what immunizations your child needs and to update his or her records
- **schools and child care centers**—to make sure every child's immunizations are current to avoid disease outbreaks (without having to trouble parents and health-care providers for records)
- **health plans** (your insurance company)—to aid in quality assurance and public health measurements.

\*To be authorized, members must sign an agreement and follow strict confidentiality and security policies. All data transferred electronically is safeguarded.

USIIS Web site at [www.usiis.org](http://www.usiis.org).

**Taking part in USIIS costs you nothing!**

**USIIS can help you keep your child healthy!**



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(Utah Statewide Immunization Information System)

